

# A. Q. MILLER HERE.

A. Q. Miller, formerly of Dexter, who has been a Socialist agitator for many years, has located in Benton to practice law and learn the newspaper business. He practiced law in Stoddard county until about seven years ago, when he quit because he did not like it. No Socialist can. Mr. Miller then engaged in school teaching and taught at Crowder during the past winter. Two months ago he was here and I suggested that we had quite a number of Socialists in the county who sometimes need a lawyer and urged him to locate here and return to practice. But he would not listen. Then I asked how the newspaper business would suit him. That struck a responsive cord—as it will in any Socialist. They want to be heard. So, on the condition that I teach him journalism he has agreed to return to law and be with us. Come in and get acquainted with a Socialist lawyer.

**EDNA SOCIALISTS BUSY.**  
Local Edna has now a membership of 105, and they are still coming. An old federal soldier who draws a pension for his services in the '60s joined us and says he can not longer believe in the bible and vote the old party ticket.

To date 29 referendum ballots have been returned from members of our local—all voting "yes," and \$8.30 subscribed. Everything looks good up here. J. W. JACOB.

**FROM LOUISIANA.**  
C. S. Sparks, formerly of Commerce, writes from Pollock, La.: "Enclosed find a dollar for the best county paper I ever read. Lay on, McBuff! Tell the readers of the Kicker what the real facts are in the other localities so that the people who cannot know by observation may learn by reading. The condition of your Scott county laboring people is bad enough, but take my word for it, and hug your wife, that conditions are not what they are here. It is unbelievable by your people unless they could see it as I see it every day."

This community is controlled either directly or indirectly by a big saw mill owned by the Iron-Mountain Railroad and is operated by a contractor cutting timber from 60,000 acres of land swiped by the aid of officials, from the government—the people. And for which they have no resemblance of title. They work all kinds and classes of people 11 hours for a day, with common labor at \$1.50 per day. They are supposed to pay once a month and then, if the men demand cash, they are compelled to accept a discount of 10 per cent. They are compelled to buy at the company store with coupon books. Failure to do so is the same as discharge, although there are three other stores in town. The price at the company store, or commissary as it is called, is from 15 to 25 per cent higher. Sample prices are: 24 lb. sack of flour, \$1.10; bacon, 24 cents per pound; granulated sugar, 12 pounds for \$1.00, and so on. The employees must rent a company house if there is one vacant, and if single must board at the company boarding house at from \$20 to \$35 per month, according to grade of grub. All outside labor must go, rain or shine, and continue to work with their wet clothes on all day. I was talking to a man that works at a saw mill under the same management below here, and he said that he hadn't had a pay day in fourteen months. This company issues little round red and blue checks in denominations of one, two and three dollars, which are spent at the barbershop, meat market, pool room, and so on, and are redeemable at the company office at ten per cent discount. One case that came under my observation was that of a man who bought a wash tub from an outside store for 65 cents that sold at the company store for 90 cents. The boss, in passing, noticed the shipping mark of the tub, made inquiries, and the result was that the man was fired the next day. What for? For buying the tub? Oh, no! For the thought.

Now, here was a man with a family thrown out of a job for trying to save 25 cents of his measly little \$1.50 for eleven hours work. And this in a "free" Democratic state and parish, and they whoop'er up for the system. This country is run on graft, controlled by graft, and there is more graft here per square inch than you have in Scott county per square rod. So you can imagine the rest. Being personally acquainted with Mr. Tanner, of the Scott Co. Milling Co. I wrote him a few weeks ago to quote me a spot cash price on a mixed car load of feed stuff and flour, and he wrote me that he was very sorry that he could not comply with my request, but that I would have to buy thru the wholesale house of the Monroe Grocer Co., Monroe, La., and that they would be extremely glad to get the order. Now, the point is that, although I had the cash to pay for what I wanted, I must stand to be held up for \$75 or \$100 by the Monroe Grocer Co., for the benefit of our glorious system of graft.

But the laboring people here are getting their eyes opened to their condition, and Socialist literature is being eagerly sought for and read, and the old Scott county spell binder's Beaverville speeches are being eagerly read by no less than three of my neighbors every week. I have as yet kept out of the clutches of the mill boss and can say what suits me, but the other poor devil can only read and think to themselves. C. S. SPARKS.

# SOCIALIST LOCALS.

Local Edna meets the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month in Red Men's hall, North Illinois. L. R. Parker, Sec.

Local Commerce meets every Saturday afternoon at City Hall, Commerce. H. G. Anderson, Sec.

Other secretaries should send in their time of meeting.

**HERE AND YONDER.**  
The capitalists of this county will have to get up something to interest the people and get them to talking and thinking about something of minor importance. They thought they had it when they stirred up the local option fight—but that has almost been forgotten and they can't pound on that for ten years as they did after the local option election of 1888. I understand that a move is on foot to get the county court to order the question submitted at the fall election whether or not we shall bond the county to build a new court house—And while the people are quarreling over this, the patriots will slip back into office.

R. R. Rucker, who taught the Lemmons school, writes from Fulton, Ky.: "At the close of school three prizes were awarded—one to Charles Mackley for deportment; one to John Moore for regular attendance, and one to Miss Bessie Hampton for best spelling. I found the boys and girls ready to put their shoulders to the wheel and push, and this desire was manifested in everything we undertook. No school can be successful without a competent school board, and no school has a better one than Lemmons."

Rev. Swope "took out" Wednesday night of last week. It seems that the workers around here won't take to present day religion—and the shirkers have already got it. Hence the "revival" was practically barren of results. Few got "saved" this trip. Collections are also reported to have been very slim, and when the money fails to come the salvation mill won't grind long.

An ex-collector of Mississippi county Ark., has been found to be \$10,000 short for the years of 1903-4-5-6 and pleads the statute of limitations. There should be limitations for the prosecution of officials. So long as they are in power you can't reach them, and when a change is made they usually crawl out under the statute of limitations.

The postmaster at Morley writes that the Kicker addressed to J. H. Honey is not called for. Mr. Honey ordered his address changed from Vanduser to Morley and had better get in connection with the Morley postoffice. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams on the 18th.

Stanley J. Clark, a Socialist speaker of national reputation, will be in this part of the state during April. He will speak at Brownwood, April 5; Bloomfield, 6; in Dunklin county from 7 to 17; Morehouse, 19; and in Scott county from 20 to 24.

The special train conveying Gov. Hadley and party last week reached Commerce two hours late and many of the people who had gathered had gone home. They addressed the crowd that remained from the train platform.

Alex. Thomson, of Blodgett, was here Monday and said the Socialists of his township mean business. Uncle Berry Finley of Oran was also here and reported that the Socialists of Oran would organize Saturday afternoon.

G. W. Venable, who is engaged in the restaurant business at Illinois, spent the week with relatives in Sandywoods. He says he is doing very well at Illinois.

Mrs. R. M. Termonstein and little children, Leona and Leo, spent several days visiting in Cape county.

S. A. Randol and family have moved from Sandywoods to Morley.

**FROM NEW HAMBURG.**  
The St. Joseph's Society held its annual meeting Saturday and elected officers as follows: K. Meiderhoff, president; Andrew Dirnberger, vice-president; Mike Dirnberger, secretary; Sol. Diebold, treasurer, and John Dirnberger and A. H. Schoen as delegates to the Catholic union to be held in St. Louis May 11 to 13. Wendoline Scherer, Sol. Diebold and Peter Goshe were appointed a committee to examine the books. Perhaps the Kern boys hauled the largest poplar tree to Benton station last week that was left in the hills. It measured 5 feet 3 inches in diameter.

Saturday Mrs. J. C. Goets was called to the sick bed of her daughter at Kelo. Mrs. Joe Weidfeld, Wm. Weidfeld and Joe Hoefler also went.

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Miss Maud Diamond, of Hickory Grove, visited the family of T. L. Strayhorn Monday.

Feda Kirby complains of toothache but some think it is a touch of love.

T. L. Strayhorn has finished fertilizing his melon ground.

Fred. Dowell claims to be the champion dollar pitcher.

Elmer Irvin sowed oats last week in a woods pasture.

The Easter rabbit will visit our community next Sunday.

Wheat looks fine.

# Spring Dry Goods and Clothing

## Are Among Your Needs, and

# We are Here With the Goods!

Fresh, Clean and Servicable for the Spring Trade. What we want is your inspection as to Quality and Price. For the Ladies we have a Choice Selection of

# Wash Goods and Shoes

We also have Clothing and Shoes for Men and Children. In short, we are prepared to satisfy your wants at the very lowest cost. We invite you to see our up-to-date line of

# Attractive - SPRING - Millinery!

We want your trade, and to get it we propose to give you full value for your money. Respectfully,

**W. H. Heisserer, Benton, Mo.**

# FROM KESLO.

The sad news reached here Monday that Father Klien, who has had charge of this parish for 28 years, died in St. Louis. His remains will be brought here for burial. It is said the burial will take place next Tuesday.

Frank Diebold and wife, of Benton, visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Joe Weidfeld, who has been very sick.

Sol. Heisserer has bought the farm of Jacob Blattel, Sr. The latter will have a sale in April.

The marriage of George Glueck, Jr., to Miss Caroline Lux was announced Sunday.

Otto Welter, of Sikeston, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Blodgett Glueck, of Cape, was here Sunday.

# ILLMO-EDNA.

Ernest Brunk, who sold his farm to Albert Schuetz for \$2,100 and went to Colorado, returned after a week's stay. He says he purchased a 160 acre farm there on something like the homestead order. John Elbert, who went with him to Colorado, seems to be satisfied with Missouri.

We have a new assistant postmaster at Edna and the former one is working for Contract or Vasterling. At this rate we average about three assistants per year at Edna. What gets wrong, Doc?

Fritz Kaizer, a former blacksmith of Edna who moved to Colorado, writes that he is well satisfied and believes his wife will regain health.

There were five children confirmed at the Lutheran church Sunday. English services will be held Easter Sunday at 2-30 p. m. Did you examine your peach trees? There will be scarcely any peaches here this year because of the extreme cold weather.

George Klughart writes from Texarkana that he is improving rapidly and will soon be home.

Since our roads were dug they are just fine. Charles Heuring did the work.

Out sowing and potato planting is the chief work of our farmers. Geo. Schroder is again clerking for Baundestiel at Edna. Biddle Koch is very sick.

# FROM BLODGETT.

The pretty weather prevailing during the past few days, has had its effects on our town residents who are taking advantage of the season by putting their garden in shape for early "saws and taters."

Mrs. Jane Peal and Mrs. Will Bradley went to Oran Sunday to see Mrs. Anna Seurlock who has been quite sick.

Rev. Dennis and family departed for the state of Montana, Monday.

Mr. Lepley and family are preparing to move to Bertrand.

# OBITUARY.

Our town was shocked Thursday morning when the sad news was reported that Samuel Ray Marshall had died Wednesday night at ten o'clock, the 16th of March. He was 8 years, one month and 16 days old. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Marshall. Funeral services took place from the family residence Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Elmer Peal officiating. Interment was made in the Blodgett cemetery. There was an angel band in Heaven.

That was not quite complete. So God took little Samuel Ray To fill the vacant seat. Farewell, dear one, but forever.

There will be a glorious dawn. When we shall meet to part no more. On the Resurrection morn. By a friend, Blodgett, Mar. 23

# CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends, neighbors and physician for their kind help and sympathy extended to us in our sad bereavement during the illness and death of our beloved son, Samuel Ray.

MR. AND MRS. IRENE MARSHALL.

# FROM CROSS PLAINS.

The primary department of our school closed last week and immediately Miss Miller was called to the bedside of her grand mother. Miss Miller has taught a good school and richly deserves any praise she may get.

Mrs. Geo. Vinyard is improving. Lagripp seems to have seized our community.

Mrs. T. G. Snowden attended church at the county farm Sunday.

The telephone promoters met at Cross Plains School house Tuesday for organization. Mrs. Humphrey and daughter, are sick.

# FROM ROOTWAD.

Mrs. B. F. Hahn visited her sister, Mrs. Clara Knight, at New Madrid Saturday—returning on Sunday accompanied by Mrs. K. Twenty-five visitors were at our school Friday and were well pleased with the work of teacher.

Charles Curtner and family and Miss Ella Mitchell visited near Saledo Sunday.

Quite a crowd of youngsters were entertained at Jake Attnip's Sunday.

Joe Sills holds the record for moving—two moves in three days. Miss May Powell went to see her sister at Matthews Sunday.

A. Hodge, Thos. Sheehy and Albert Wylie are building barns. Wm. Lindley was in St. Louis last week with a car of hogs.

Church at Rootwad and Tanner Saturday night and Sunday.

James Marcus has returned from a trip thru Arkansas.

Mrs. Lizzie Shackles is visiting in New Madrid.

# FROM BUCKEYE.

The singing at Mr. Heacock was enjoyed by the young folks Saturday night.

Delbert McDaniels got dog bit. Miss Lulu Holden visited Sikeston Saturday.

Frank Hampton and Miss Emma Sizemore got married Friday.

Mrs. Vanover and baby are very sick.

# FROM MOUNT ZION.

Charles Presson and family, of Henderson Mound, visited his father here last week.

# PUBLIC SALE.

Tuesday, March 29, at my place 1-2 miles northeast of New Hamburg, on the New Hamburg and Kelo road, I will sell two mules, 3 young horses age one, two and three years, a cow, two calves, five brood sows with pigs, nine shoats, a mower, wheat drill, corn drill, cultivator, section harrow, three 2-horse plows, 3 corn plows, wagon, buggy, 200 bushels corn, 22 bushels blue peas, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

TERMS—\$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving 7 per cent note with approved security. No interest will be charged if promptly paid at maturity.

MARTIN BISHOP.

# HAVE YOU HEARD

That E. L. Grant is now ready to take all kinds of photographs? He has just purchased an 8x10 camera and a good supply of material and says: "I am now prepared to make any size picture from a stamp to an 8x10 at low prices. If you are thinking of having your picture taken give him a call. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED or money refunded. For further information call on or write to E. L. Grant, Robertson Building, Benton, Mo."

# J. R. Romine & Co.

FORNELT, MO.,

# Grocers and Butchers.

Will pay cash market price for Cattle, Hogs, Chickens, Eggs and Butter, Corn and see us.

# CALLOWAY-DENMARK

is a beautiful bay, 16 hands high, black main and tail, and not a white hair on him—

# ROYAL DUKE

Was bred at Bowling Green, Ky., and was sired by Don Whitaker's Celebrated Jack. His dam was a 14 1-2-hand Jennett sired by Knuckle's imported \$4,000 Jack. Both will stand during the season of 1910 at Benton. Terms—To insure living colt, Calloway-Denmark, \$15; Royal Duke, \$10.

S. J. WADE, Owner.

# HECTOR, No. 1639.

Is a black jack with white points, six years old, 15 1-2 hands high, standard measure, and was sired by Warren, Jr. His dam was Big May. The German Coach Horse.

# WINGALF, No. 2051.

Is a dark bay stallion, 16 1-2 hands high, eight years old and weighs 1,450 pounds. Sired by Asco, No. 1857; he by Coco, No. 1574; he by Bnno, No. 1735, etc. Dam, Warburg, No. 10,099, she by Waria, No. 1165, by Emigrant, No. 955, etc.

Hector and Wingalf will stand during the season of 1910 at my barn, one mile west of Commerce, known as the Galtner place.

TERMS—Either animal, to insure living colt, \$12.50. Money due as soon as the fact is ascertained or more traded, sold or removed from the county. Care will be taken to prevent accident, but will not be responsible should any occur.

BLODGETT COACH HORSE CO.

17th S. W. DAVIS, Keeper.

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